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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1 and 21-29 remain in this application. Claims 2-20 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended.

The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 6 and 10-14 are directed to allowable subject matter, if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include the matter of claim 6 and intervening claims 3-5 and is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

New claim 21 includes the matter of claim 10 and intervening claims 7-9 and is now believed to be in condition for allowance. New claims 22-25 depend from and further limit, in a patentable sense, independent claim 21 and, hence, are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

New method claim 26 includes subject matter indicated as allowable (i.e., matter from claim 11), for at least this reason it is believed to be in condition for allowance. Additionally, new claims 27-29 depend from and further limit, in a patentable sense, independent claim 26 and, hence, are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

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**CONCLUSION**

It is believed that the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance; therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of all rejections/objections, and full allowance of same.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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